Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~compact~~ battery with an energy capacity of 1 Ah or less having in a housing at least one wound electrode element, the electrode of which being supported on a metallic supporting strip, and having inside said housing at least one pin for making contact with said at least one wound electrode element, and having at least one first contact connection which is fitted to an outer face of the housing and is electrically connected to said at least one pin which is arranged in the housing, whereas a second connection which can be tightened mechanically is formed between said at least one first contact connection and said at least one pin, whereas said at least one wound electrode element is wound around and supported by said at least one pin and ~~whereas~~ said metallic supporting strip of said at least one wound electrode element is welded directly to said at least one pin.

2. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that said second connection which can be tightened is formed by a screw connection.

3. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 2, characterized in that a head of said screw connection forms said at least one first contact connection.

4. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that said at least one first contact connection is composed essentially of gold or nickel, or is gold-plated or nickel-plated.

5. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that said at least one pin comprises two pins that are accommodated in the housing, in that two contact connections are provided on said outer face of the housing and are isolated from the housing so that the housing is electrically floating.

6. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that said at least one pin is at least partially in the form of a small tube with a broadened area at one end in order to support it on an inner wall of the housing.

7. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that said at least one pin is held at only one end.

8. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 1, characterized in that a contact board is provided in the area of said at least one first contact connection.

9. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 8, characterized in that said contact board is arranged in a depression in the housing.

10. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 8, characterized in that the contact board has two contact connections which are isolated from one another.

11. (Previously Presented) The battery according to Claim 8, characterized in that electronic components are formed on the contact board.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 2, characterized in that said at least one pin comprises two pins that are accommodated in the housing and two contact connections are provided on the outer face of the housing and are isolated from the housing so that the housing is electrically floating.

14. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 3, characterized in that said at least one pin comprises two pins that are accommodated in the housing and two contact connections are provided on the outer face of the housing and are isolated from the housing so that the housing is electrically floating.

15. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 5 characterized in that said two pins are held at only one end.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 16 wherein said electrical connection is formed by screw connections to said plurality of pins.

18. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 17 characterized in that heads of said screw connections form said first contact connections, respectively.

19. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 16, characterized in that said plurality of first contact connections are composed essentially of gold or nickel, or are goldplated or nickel-plated.

20. (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 16, characterized in that said plurality of pins are accommodated in the housing, in that two of said plurality of first contact connections are provided on the outer face of the housing and are isolated from the housing so that the housing is electrically floating relative to said plurality of pins.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A battery comprising housing and at least one wound electrode element and at least one pin held robustly on a wall of said housing for making contact with said electrode element, and having at least one first contact connection which is fitted to an outer face of the housing and is electrically connected to said at least one pin which is arranged in said housing, whereas said at least one electrode element is wound around said at least one pin and whereas a second connection which can be tightened mechanically is formed between said at least one first contact connection and said at least one pin.~~ The battery as recited in claim 1, characterized in that said at least one pin directly engages a wall of said housing.